

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11153–S11250*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1585–1594, S. Res. 174, and S. Con. Res. 80. **Page S11198**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1202, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006. (S. Rept. No. 107–88).

H.R. 717, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and services with respect to Duchenne muscular dystrophy, with an amendment.

H.R. 2215, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1319, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Measures Passed:**

**Reclamation Recreation Management Act Amendment:** Senate passed H.R. 2925, to amend the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992 in order to provide for the security of dams, facilities, and resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11248**

**Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11154–85**

Adopted:

Harkin/Specter Amendment No. 2017, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11156**

Byrd/Stevens Amendment No. 2035 (to Amendment No. 2020), to direct that any expenditures resulting from Amendment No. 2020 be charged to

the committee of jurisdiction under the budget process. **Pages S11182–83**

Domenici/Wellstone/Kennedy Amendment No. 2020, to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits. **Pages S11165–83**

Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 2024, to provide for mandatory advanced electronic information for air cargo and passengers entering the United States. **Page S11184**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 31, 2001, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon. Further, that upon passage, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S11248**

**Anti-Terrorism Bill—Agreement:** By unanimous-consent, Senate vitiated the October 11, 2001 passage of S. 1510, to deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, and to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and the bill was then indefinitely postponed. **Page S11247**

**Agriculture Appropriations:** By unanimous-consent, Senate agreed to Reid (for Kohl/Cochran) Amendment No. 2037, to make certain improvements to H.R. 2330, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, as passed by the Senate on October 25, 2001. **Pages S11247–48**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Kent R. Hill, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John F. Turner, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Joseph M. DeThomas, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Brian E. Carlson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

John N. Palmer, of Mississippi, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Portugal.

John Malcolm Ordway, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Robert V. Royall, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

J. Edward Fox, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

E. Anne Peterson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Margaret K. McMillion, of the District of Columbia, Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar.

Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

R. L. Brownlee, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Peter B. Teets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management). (New Position)

Darryl Norman Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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**Text of H.R. 2330, as Previously Passed and as Amended:** **Pages S11236–47**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 31, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11248.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 38 military nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

### TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of providing insurance for terrorist acts, focusing on possible policies between the federal government and the insurance industry to respond to the burden of costs in the wake of the tragedies of September 11th, after receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury; Pennsylvania Commissioner of Insurance Diane Koken, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; David L. Keating, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia; David A. Moss, Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts; and Phillip L. Hawkins, Carr America Realty Corporation, Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, and Robert E. Vagley, American Insurance Association, all of Washington, D.C.

### MAIL TERRORISM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs* and the Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services held joint hearings to examine the effects of terrorism on the U.S. mail service, focusing on safeguards to protect postal employees and its customers, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service; Gus Baffa, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, Alexandria, Virginia; William Burrus, American Postal Workers Union, AFL–CIO, Denise Manley, Brentwood Post Office, and William H. Quinn, National Postal Mail Handlers Union, all of Washington, D.C.; Vincent R. Sombrotto, National Association of Letter Carriers, Port Washington, New York; and Tony DiStefano, Jr., NALC Branch 380, Trenton New Jersey.

Hearings will continue tomorrow.